have so far developed 858 ha., brackish water area ponds. The Government of India have also approved one Brackish-water Fish Farmers' Development Agency for Orissa during 1987-88.

A sum of Rs. 33.95 lakhs has so far been released to the Government of Orissa for the Central Sponsored Scheme of brackish-water fisheries development in six projects sites.

The Marine Products Export Development Authority is establishing a prawn hatchery at Gopalpur in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 256.43 lakhs.

Loss caused by drought in Andhra Pradesh

10. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central team had recently submitted their report to the Government regarding the severe drought in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total loss caused by the unprecedented drought in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the assistance sought by the Andhra Pradesh Government to meet the requirements of the drought-hit people and the Centre's response to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extent of loss as reported by the State Government due to drought is given below:—

(i) No. of Districts affected: 18.

(ii) No. of villages affected 5,351.

(iii) Population affected: 272.90 lakh.

(iv) Cropped area affected. 34.00 lakh ha.

(v) Cattle population affected: 142.86 lakh.

(c) Central assistance of Rs. 68.948 crores has been approved for drought relief in Andhra Pradesh against the request of the State Government for Rs. 546.50 crores.

Import of pulses by NCCF

11. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently asked the National Consumers Cooperative Federation (NCCF) to import pulses; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Housing Policy

12. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new housing policy has since been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the policy; and

(c) by when this policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The draft National Housing Policy is under finalisation.

Slums in India

13. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Sixth Plan estimate, one fifth of the total urban population of India lives in slums;

(b) whether this trend is increasing; and